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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 14-18 and 20-24 are now pending in the application. Claims 16-18 and 22-24 have been amended herein. Claims 1 and 7-9 are independent. Claims 19 and 25 have been canceled.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 8 and 9 are allowable.

Claims 16-18 and 22-24 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The claim amendments presented herein are believed to address each of the issues raised in the Action. Withdrawal of the Section 112 rejection is therefore requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 14-25 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 and 11 of US 6,261,312 and Claims 1 and 7 of US 6,533,742. The Terminal Disclaimers accompanying this response overcome this rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore requested.

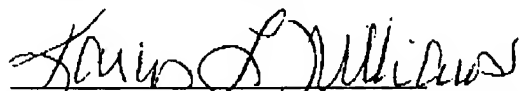
The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the claimed invention. The cancellation of Claims 19 and 25 is believed to overcome this objection.

Since the Applicant has fully responded to the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that in regard to the above remarks that the pending application is patentable over the art of record and prompt review and issuance is accordingly requested.

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Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

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